GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF BY PASS TUNNEL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narmada Project in Gujarat and Rajasthanis likely to get the supply of water for irrigation after the construction of a by pass tunnel; and

(b) if so, the quantum of water likely to be released to the States therefrom ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Narmada Project (Sardar Sarovar Project) would beable to supply water to Gujarat and Rajasthan for irrigation purposes only when the dam is constructed upto a level of 110.64 m (363 ft.) which is the Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL).Water into the Narmada Main Canal for irrigation purposes is to be supplied through the Canal Head power House (CHPH)only. Water will be drawn through Irrigation Bye-Pass Tunnel (IBPT) from theSardar Sarovar reservoir only when the Canal Head Power House cannot meet the demands of irrigation for Gujarat and Rajasthan. The quantum of water drawn through IBPT will vary accordingly.